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SUMMARY: EMBOFF BRIEFED DANES ON CURRENT STATUS OF THE CLARINET PILGRIM PROGRAM. DANES SUGGEST THAT OFFICIAL USG REQUEST BE PRESENTED TO THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT NOTE TO THE
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DANISH GOVERNMENT ON CLARINET PILGRIM PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE

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THEM TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.
1) EMBOFF DISCUSSED CLARINET PILGRIM PROGRAM NOVEMBER 14
WITH RUTH CHRISTENSEN (NOT PETERSEN AS IN REF D), HEAD
OF FAROESE AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF STATE, IN ORDER TO
BRIEF HER ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING NORWEGIAN
DEFENSE MINISTRY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM (REF C). IN
RESPONSE TO HER INQUIRY, EMBOFF SAID TIMING OF THE NOR-
WEGIAN DECISION WAS STILL INDEFINITE, BUT THAT
ICELANDIC APPROVAL HAD ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. HE ALSO
STRESSED FACT THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD BE A DUAL-PURPOSE
ONE, GIVING CAPABILITY OF INTER-STATION COMMUNICATIONS
AS WELL AS U.S. NAVY FLEET BROADCAST USE. (THIS WAS
IN RESPONSE TO ADVICE GIVEN USCG CAPT. GODDU AND
DAVID HAISLIP DURING THEIR VISITS TO COPENHAGEN THIS
SUMMER, BY OTTO GREDAL, HEAD OF THE DANISH NAVIGATON
AND HYDROGRAPHIC ADMINISTRATION, THAT THE DUAL-PURPOSE
ASPECT WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT IN SELLING THE PROJECT
EVENTUALLY TO THE FAROESE - AS WELL AS THE DANISH -
GOVERNMENT).

2. CHRISTENSEN SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WERE GIVEN A FORMAL USG REQUEST
AT THIS POINT. THE VARIOUS DAISH AUTHORITIES INVOLVED
IN THIS QUESTION, INCLUDING THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE,
NAVIGATION AND HYDROGRAPHIC ADMINISTRATION, AND MFA,
SHOULD, SHE EXPLAINED, BE WORKING IN COORDINATION ON TTHE
PROJECT. MOREOVER, SHE WISHED TO RAISE CLARINET PILGRIM
CONFIDENTIALLY WITH THE DANISH GOVERNOR IN THE FAROES,
LEIF GROTH, TO OBTAIN HIS ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE
REACTION OF THE FAROESE GOVERNMENT.

3) ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED
TO PRESENT A NOTE TO THE DANISH MFA BASED ON DRAFT
CONTAINED IN REF D. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE FIFTH
PARAGRAPH BE ALTERED TO REFLECT A MORE DEFINITE ASURANCE
THAT THE SYSTEM WILL HAVE A LORAN INTER-STATION COMMUNI-
CATIONS CAPABILITY AS WELL AS THE FLEET BROADCAST
CAPABILITY. PLEASE ADVISE.

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4) EMBOFF INFORMED GREDAL NOVEMBER 14 OF THE ABOVE
CONVERSATION AND MENTIONED THE ORWEGIAN REQUEST FOR
TECHNICAL SPECIFICS. HE INFORMED GREDAL THAT USG WAS
IN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING ANSWERS WITHOUT MENTIONING
SPECIFICALLY THE MEETING IN LONDON NOVEMBER 14.
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION
SUPPLIED THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AT LONDON MEETING (REF A)
TO GREDAL.

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5) COMMENT: CHRISTENSEN'S SUGGESTION DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE DANES WILL MOVE AHEAD INDEPENDENTLY OF THE NORWEGIAN DECISION. SHE MADE CLEAR THAT THE DANISH DECISION ON WHEN, AND IF, TO PRESENT THE CLARINET PILGRIM PROJECT TO FAROESE PRIMIN ATLI DAM, OR TO THE FAROESE GOVERNMENT, WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. SHE CLEARLY WOULD PREFER THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT POINT TO PRIOR ICELANDIC AND NORWEGIAN APPROVAL WHEN THEY DO APPROACH THE FAROESE. BY PRESENTING THE DANES WITH THE OFFICIAL REQUEST AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, WE ARE LIKELY TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TOMOVE QUICKLY AFTER NORWAY ACTS, AND WE MAY, PERHAPS, IN CASE OF NORWEGIAN DELAY, BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE DANES TO TAKE THE STEP FIRST.
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